(b) whether more than 65 per cent production of ashes (reject) is possible in Aryan coal washery Dipika and whether it has been investigated by the competent authority; and

(c) if not, whether it is proposed to be investigated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) Barrel is the main washing equipment in Dipika Washery of Aryan Coal Beneficiation Pvt. Ltd.

(b) and (c) The issue of coal washing is dealt between consumer and the washery operators. S.E.C.L. is the supplier of coal to the consumer and is not consulted or informed on the technical aspects and parameters of washing. As such the matter has not been examined by S.E.C.L.

Allotment of Coal Blocks to MSMC

2576. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra has recommended allotment of coal blocks to Maharashtra State Minining Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken on the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Ministry of Coal had invited applications for allocation of coal blocks earmarked for power and non-power sectors, through Government Company Dispensation Route. In response, the Maharashtra State Mining Corporation, an undertaking of Government of Maharashtra has also submitted application for allocation of Manoharpur, Chattibariatu South, Dipside of Manoharpur, Chendipada, Chendipada II, Baitarni West, Mandakini B power sector coal blocks and Rabodih, Agarzari, Warora, Bicharpur and Sahapur non-power sector coal blocks.

(c) No decision has been taken as yet.